

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear President Bush,

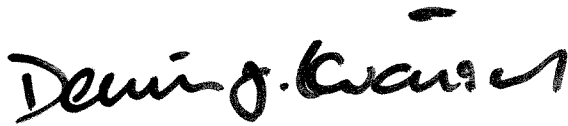
We support the United States of America's participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Yet the Administration's approach fails to address the critical problem of climate change. We urge you to take this opportunity to engage in meaningful negotiations to establish near-term binding emissions limits to which the US would be a party. We also call upon you to pursue domestic policies that require immediate mandatory reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

The reality of climate change is now well established, and the threat is sufficiently severe to warrant immediate action. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Geophysical Union, among others, have found that the Earth is warming due to human activity. The World Health Organization has declared that not only is climate change underway, but it had already claimed the lives of at least 150,000 people before 1991. The economic cost of coping with climate change in the US is estimated to be between 1 and 3% of GDP by the end of the century. We cannot afford to wait any longer.

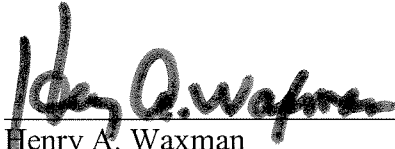
There is a growing consensus that we must act now to control greenhouse gas emissions. States all over the country are already taking concrete action to address climate change. The Northeastern states are setting up a carbon-trading program and have entered an agreement with Canadian provinces to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020. California is mandating reduced greenhouse gas emissions from cars. Colorado voters just voted to require that 10% of their electricity be generated by renewable sources by 2015. States and localities are making real progress. These separate actions alone, however, are not enough.

Industries are also calling upon the federal government to act. National requirements would provide the regulatory certainty and uniformity that help businesses thrive. In addition, our industries are missing out on economic opportunities that come with addressing climate change. A market for greenhouse gas emission reductions will open in Europe in January, but our industries are not eligible to participate. The result is that an increasing number of businesses, including some large greenhouse gas emitters, publicly support mandatory emissions reductions.

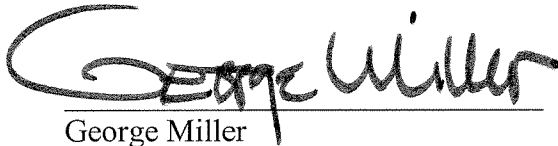
As the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, our principled leadership is essential to addressing this problem. The science is clear. The economics are clear. The moral imperatives are clear. America has the necessary resources, ingenuity and will. As President, you must act now in order to secure a healthier and more prosperous tomorrow.



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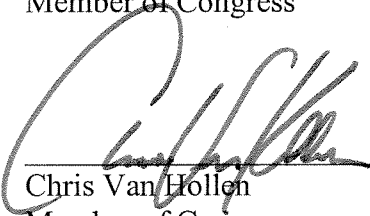
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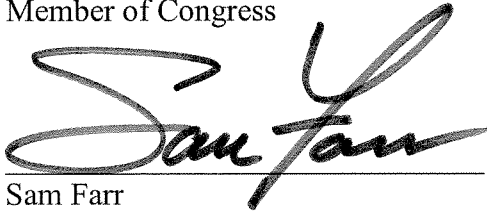
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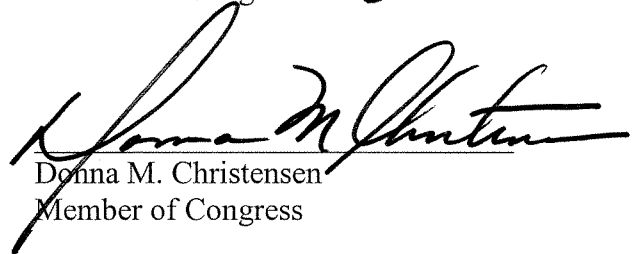
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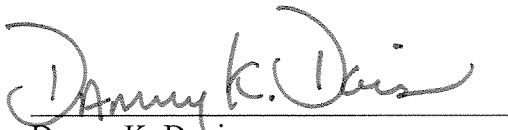
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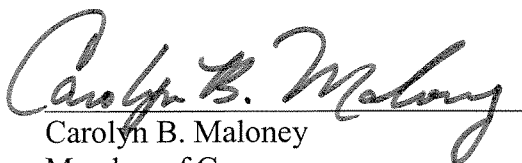
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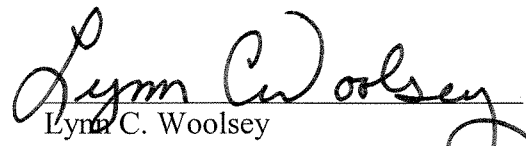



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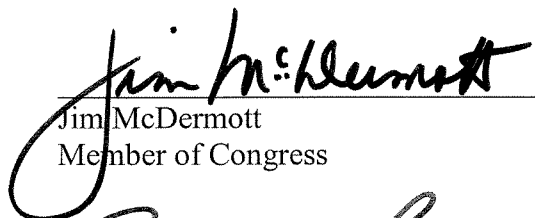
  
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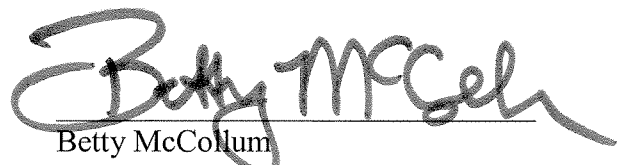
  
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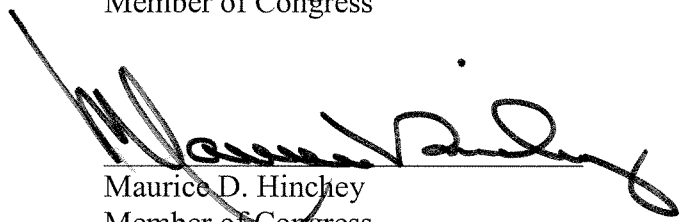
  
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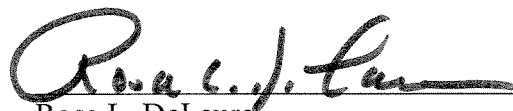
  
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